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NSTAR Gas Company
800 Boylston Street, SUMNE 240
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Re: NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-GAF-P8
March 2006 Revised Peak CGAC Filing

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") hereby gives conditional approval to NSTAR Gas Company's ("NSTAR or Company") revised Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Factor ("GAF") of \$0.9000 per therm as filed with the Department on February 22, 2006. The GAF is to be applied to firm gas sales during the billing period of March 1, 2006, through April 30, 2006.

The Department allows the application of the GAF but may, if future conditions warrant, change the factor or the method of computation. The Department may, as conditions

warrant, also require NSTAR to refund to its customers any amounts that are, upon later review of Company filings or of other relevant evidence, found by the Department to be the result of imprudent Company action.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Judith F. Judson, Chairman

/s/
W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

/s/
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/s/
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cc: Joseph Rogers, Assistant Attorney General
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